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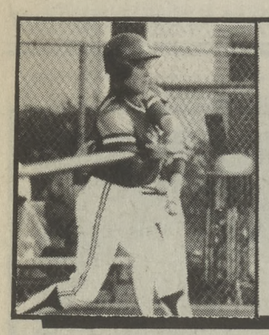

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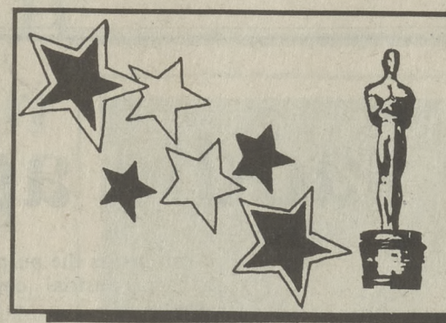

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Opponents protest faculty layoff notices

Symposium ignites students' furor

By RYAN DORFF
Staff Writer

A symposium addressing the issue of the recent faculty layoffs in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) attracted hundreds of students to Monarch Hall yesterday, as featured speaker Farrel Broslawsky called for the termination of several members of the LACCD Board of Trustees.

The event, which was sponsored by the Associated Student Union (ASU), organized concerned students in an effort to oust four incumbent trustees whose seats are up for election on April 14.

Broslawsky, a Valley College history professor, lashed out at what he called the "autocratic and incompetent management" by the trustees, to which he attributed the unwarranted layoffs of 59 full-time LACCD faculty.

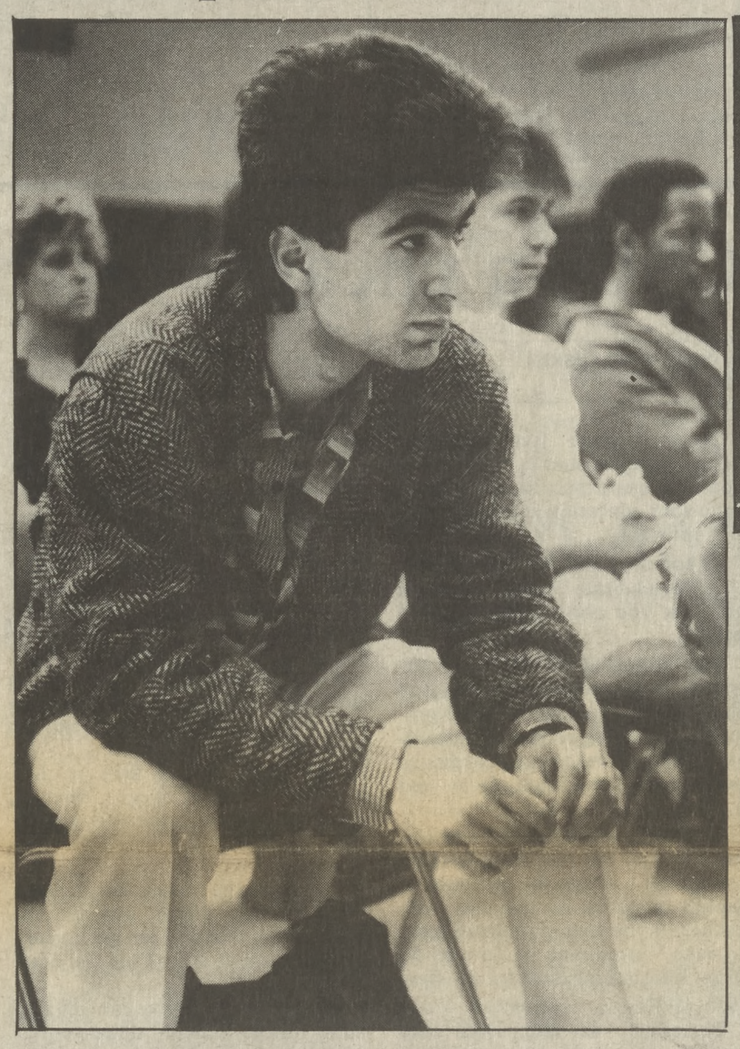
Those targeted for layoffs received their letters on March 15.

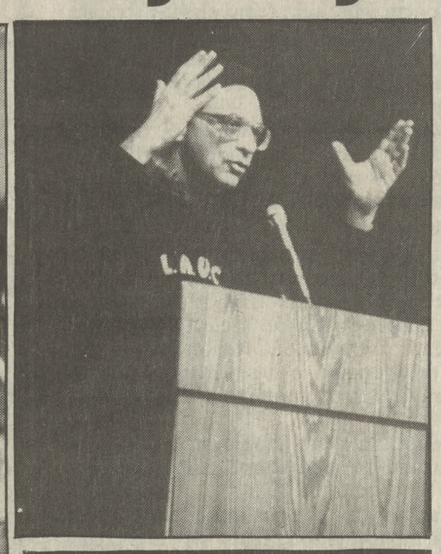
"Since [George] Deukmejian's been governor," Broslawsky said, "not only has he been cutting back money, he's been ripping *off* our money...The [$50.00] you pay for tuition, you do not get back. It goes into the general fund and then *Duke* decides what he's going to do with it."

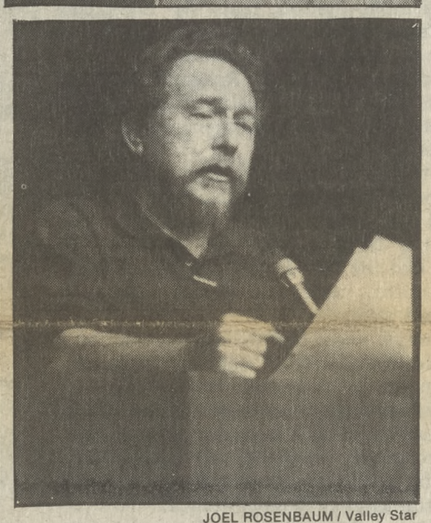
Broslawsky then launched a fusillade of criticism at the way California State Lottery money, much of which is designated for public education, has been allocated.

"We have a lottery now," Broslawsky said, "that is supposed to supplement education...They take the money and they put it into the budget. So they cut back on the regular budget, saying 'buy more tickets, you get more money.' "

"But he [Deukmejian] won't give us the money," Broslawsky said. "$9 million dollars and he won't give it to us. You know why?" he asked, "Because he says 'I'm a fiscal conservative.' He's a fiscal conservative like Charles Manson is an expert on birth control!"







JOEL ROSENBAUM / Valley Star

Philosophy major, Carlos Babaian (left) at yesterday's "Save Our College" Symposium. The speakers included, Rabbi Jerry Goldstein from LAVC Hillel (top right) and history professor Lawrence Jorgensen.

Broslawsky opined that whatever money comes into the district, "they [the trustees] take first. They take it and run an office downtown that costs a million dollars a year. And you can't even go to it," Broslawsky quipped, "because it costs more money to park [downtown] than most of us make in a day."

That remark evoked a round of hearty applause from the packed auditorium.

Broslawsky continued to assault what he referred to as the "overpaid, overstaffed brothel downtown," urging students to take immediate action by exercising their right to vote.

Rabbi Jerry Goldstein of Hillel next took the podium.

"I have been at Valley College for 13 years," Goldstein said, "and I have watched you being cheated.

"You deserve teachers," he said, "you deserve lots of teachers, and you deserve the variety of classes which are gradually being taken away from you.

"This nation," Goldstein emphasized, "has a precious resource in all of you who want to learn."

Rabbi Goldstein also urged the students present to take concerted action against those responsible for the "whittling away" of their teaching staff and academic facilities and services.

Several other speakers from within the college spoke out against Governor Deukmejian and the Board of Trustees, including history professor Lawrence Jorgensen, who provoked jeers, sneers and flying objects from the crowd as he lampooned those whom the symposium targeted for "metaphorical" dismissal.

All of this occurred, somewhat ironically, against the backdrop of 'A Day in the Life of Valley College,' during which the campus was abuzz with activities promoted for the benefit of *Crown* Magazine photographers who swarmed the sunbathed campus in search of photo opportunities.

Among those who visited the campus to view the activities was LACCD Chancellor Leslie Koltai, who clearly bore the brunt of the symposium's verbal attacks, which centered around his allegedly exorbant salary, and which is purported to be in excess of what Governor Deukmejian earns.

"The reason he [Chancellor Koltai] was not invited to the program," said Broslawsky, "is for the same reason you wouldn't expect a slave to invite the slavemaster to talk about slave rebellion."

Chancellor Koltai, in an interview that afternoon, responded that he would have come had he been aware of the symposium's agenda, whether invited or not.

"In this business," Koltai said, "I am the last person anyone wants to hear; everybody wants to beat the hell out of me. My comment to Broslawsky was that 'you are criticizing me a lot, so give me a chance to answer your questions.' Every side has two stories."

The "metaphorical" letters of dismissal, which were addressed to nearly every member of the Board of Trustees, were signed by some 400 students and delivered to the Board's meeting downtown that afternoon by ASU President Veronica Arreguin, who sponsored the symposium.

Trustees face strong opposition to layoff proposal

By DOUGLAS GINTZ
Opinion Editor

The Board of Trustees met yesterday to decide whether to adopt, what they refer to as, an amended supplemental decision in regard to teacher layoffs.

The Board, after adjourning to a closed session, were unable to make a final decision concerning the layoff proposal, and thus postponed the vote until a later date.

The Los Angeles Superior Court, in Nov. 1986, found the Board's lottery layoff plan to be in violation of the Educational Code, and ordered the district to conduct a lottery of all certified employees rather than its original "discipline by discipline seniority" layoff system

The district was allotted 30 days to submit its new lottery proposal as well as supplemental findings of facts regarding credentials and competency, for purposes of the reassignment of 25 instructors

In conjunction with the court order, the Board met Wednesday to decide on a layoff proposal to submit to the courts. The District, however, did not submit a plan to the judge within the 30 days allotted, according to Larry Rosenzweig, attorney for the American Federation of Teachers (AFT).

The Board's decision to layoff teachers was met with much opposition. Opponents of the lottery claimed that it was unfair to the teachers, as well as to students.

Speakers urged the Board not to accept the proposed layoff plan.

In reference to the Board's decision regarding layoffs, Rosenzweig said, "It seems to me that you haven't quite understood what your role is today."

He then went on to say that the board members, "are not free to exercise your discretion as to do what you want."

He urged for the reassignment of teachers strictly on the basis of credentials. Rosenzweig said, "It (the layoffs) goes against District policy." He also said that in order to layoff teachers they must first be found incompetent and, "according to our district policy, competency is defined as having credentials, therefore an instructor with credentials in a related discipline is competent."

Other speakers at the Board meeting included Veronica Arreguin, President of ASU at Valley, who presented the Board with approximately 400 "metaphorical" layoff notices informing them that their services will no longer be required; along with seven journalism students from LATTC protesting the elimination of their campus paper.

Retired teacher commits suicide

By RYAN DORFF
Staff Writer

A 64-year-old man was found shot in the head Monday afternoon in parking lot 'B' on Valley's northwest quadrant.

Van Nuys resident Sidney Davidson, a retired teacher, was pronounced dead at the scene.

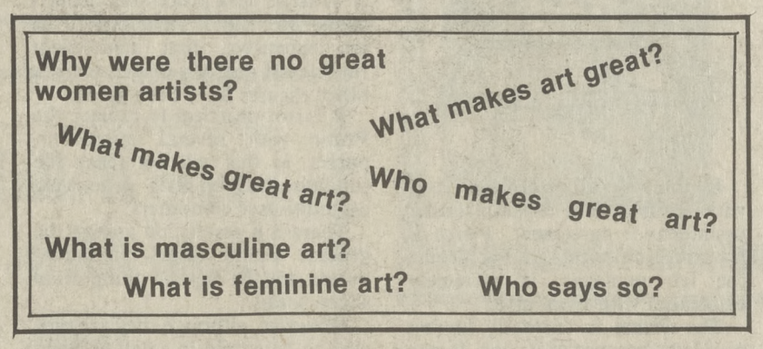
Van Nuys Homocide Division detectives found a .38 pistol near the body. The death was ruled as a suicide Wednesday by the Los Angeles County Coronor's Office.

Preliminary investigations revealed no specific motive for the suicide, and there was no note found among the victims personal effects.

It was also not known where Davidson had taught, or why he chose to kill himself on Valley College property.

Van Nuys Homocide detectives indicated that the victim's wife is a teacher at Grant High School, however officials at Grant denied knowing of any teacher with the same surname of the deceased.

Valley College campus police, as is their standard practice, refused to discuss the matter without the consent of campus police Capt. J.J. Wolf, who was unavailable for comment.


Why were there no great women artists?
What makes art great?
What makes great art?
Who makes great art?
What is masculine art?
What is feminine art?
Who says so?

By BLANCA L. ADAJIAN
Editor in Chief

It is true of women painters as it is true of women in all walks of life that human relationships are more important to them than ambition for personal success.

The artistic ego is to most women replusive for themselves and compelling in men."

Germaine Greer
"The Obstacle Race"

The month of March is "Women in Art Month" and the five display cases in the Art Bldg. are currently being used to show some examples of work done by women artists.

The title of the exhibit is "Why have there been no great women artists?" Art Professor Judith Von Euer said that to her this question is the same as asking "Why have there been no great Eskimo tennis players?"

Happy are you, dear reader, if you do not belong to this sex to whom all good is forbidden, since to us libery is proscribed...so that the sole joy and soverign virtue allowed us is to be ignorant, to play the dullard, and to serve."

Marjory Henry Isley
A daughter of the Renaissance
quoting Marie Le Jars
de Gournay's feminism

What makes this exhibit just a little bit different is that all the art is completely covered over with brown paper—all five cases. Questions and quotations are written all over the brown paper as teasers to catch the eye of passersby.

As the week progressed, peepholes were made in the paper, allowing the viewer a peak into the case. Each day, more and more of the art in the cases will be uncovered for viewing.

Von Euer explained how this exhibit is an outgrowth of discussions by approximately 12 students who meet once a week. In one of those meetings, the subject of women in art came up and it seemed to be a very logical step to follow through with a display.

The exhibit can be seen in the front main hallway of the Art Bldg.

"The art world has traditionally ignored the issues of sex, class and race, at most acknowledging them as background or context. Moreover, it originally assumes that a single human norm exist, one that is universal, ahistorical and without sex, class or race identity, although in fact it is quite clearly male, upperclass and white."

Lise Vogel
Fine Arts and Feminism
The Awakening Consciousness
1974

In spite of the fact that women have traditionally not been considered "great" artists, many have persisted in developing their talents and in some this, has lead to the creation of masterpieces.

Changes for women are becoming more apparent not only in art but in many other fields as well.

Have you heard this one?

Her work is so good, you'ed think it was done by a man.

This exhibit will continue through the end of the month.

News Notes

SCHOLARSHIPS

The History, Humanities, Law and Political Science Dept. is offering $100 and $200 scholarships.

Applicants must have completed 50 units at LAVC by the end of the spring semester, with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher. 12 of these units must have been within the HHLPS Dept. under at least two professors, with a GPA of at least 3.50.

The deadline for filing applications is Friday, April 3, 1987.

The Senior Students Club of LAVC is offering a $125 scholarship for Spring '87. Students must have: a 3.0 GPA, completed 30 units and be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units in the Spring '87 semester (part-time students will only be considered if they are employed).

The deadline for filing applications is Thursday, April 30, 1987.

The Patrons Association of LAVC is offering grants of $125 for the Spring '87 semester. Students must have: financial need, a minimum of 12 units (nursing students will be eligible with a 9.0 unit program), and a 2.0 GPA.

The deadline for applications to be returned is Friday, May 1, 1987.

Students interested in any of these scholarships can obtain application forms in the Financial Aid Office, Campus Center, Rm. 100

LAVC LECTURES

"Australian Walkabout" will be the subject of a slide lecture by Professor George R. Stuart on Tuesday, March 31 at 1:30 p.m. in the Math-Science Bldg., Room 109.

Timothy Kearney, Ph.D., will present a lecture on "Child Abuse Issues" and what a parent needs to know, on Wednesday, April 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in CC 104.

STAR PARTY

The Astronomy Club has scheduled a star party at Angeles Crest Highway for Saturday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. This event is free and open to all.

For more details, leave your name and phone number on the Planetarium answering machine at 781-1200, Ext. 335.

PIANO CONCERT

Shirley Hsieh will be performing in concert today at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall, Music Bldg.

Back in saddle again?

By RYAN DORFF
Staff Writer

Foreign policy has been an inescapable chore for the presidency ever since Woodrow Wilson sent the Yanks to save Europe for U.S. Banking interests. But with the introduction of nuclear weapons several decades later, foreign policy implicitly carried with it the responsibility to save the world from itself.

And President Reagan, now in the twilight of his presidency, is no exception to this obligation. He asked for the job and we gave it to him, *twice*.

Although we cannot hold Mr. Reagan accountable for all that was done, or not done before he took the Oath of Office, we must nevertheless hold him responsible for what he has or has not done since.

And Mr. Reagan has done nothing to promote U.S. foreign policy objectives except to flex a little military muscle.

All brawn, no brains: In his first term he sent 244 U.S. Marines to their death in Beirut, a move which was so indefensibly absurd that, to divert attention from it, he sent the Armed Forces to flush out a few hundred pot-bellied Cubans from Grenada, calling it a major military victory.

In his second term he ordered the bombing of Libya, the justification for which turned out to be " disinformation."

All of these Free World shenanigans, coupled with the failure of the Reykjavik Summit and the Contragate/Iranscam exposure, prove that the only thing Mr. Reagan has done is widen the yawning chasm between the U.S. and not only the Soviets but much of the Third World as well.

Let us briefly review history in order to put Mr. Reagan's responsibilities into a proper perspective.

All of the wars fought throughout Europe until the 20th century laid the groundwork for World War I.

The Treaty of Versailles, which hit defeated Germany with strangling reparation bills, caused Germany to become militantly nationalistic as an alternative to total economic and social collapse.

This, in turn, set the stage for World War II, the second installment of 'The War to End All Wars.'

After the smoke cleared and all of the bodies were counted, the United States had emerged from the war comparatively unscathed, and indisputably the richest and most powerful industrial nation in the history of mankind.

The Soviet Union, on the other hand, was well on its way to becoming our closest imperial competitor and arch rival.

The suspicion, distrust and contempt which accompanied the Allied re-zoning and reconstruction of the ruins of Europe, and much of the world for that matter, was pre-ordained by the conflicting ideologies of capitalism and communism, and was further exacerbated by increasing Bi-Lateral paranoia.

This once again planted the seeds for yet another war which, in Orwellian Newspeak, is referred to as "The Cold War."

In military parlance, "cold" means that there is no shooting going on. But it can be a gross misnomer for those who misunderstand that we have been indirectly involved in a third world war with the Soviets ever since the Axis powers surrendered.

Because present arsenals of nuclear weapons preclude their actually being used against one another, we have instead battled it out in conventional, but nevertheless real, wars throughout the undeveloped regions, with both the U.S. and the Soviets attempting to spread their influence to exploit Third World natural resources.

This serves the purpose of sustaining the megalithic military-industrial complex that both of us have become.

It is therefore not only an East-West struggle, but an inherent conflict between the developed North and the undeveloped South.

So, ironically, the very thing which divides us from the Soviets ideologically, unites us economically in the mutual quest to secure and gobble up the rest of the world's natural resources.

Because present nuclear capabilities are sufficient to reduce the earth to a lifeless, spinning sphere of radioactivity, we have inherited a legacy of Orwellian terms like Detente and M.A.D. (Mutually Assured Destruction).

Terrific. Two governments are holding the world hostage while the arms race continues to accelerate, and as much of the earth's non-renewable natural resources are being arbitrarily allocated to this purpose.

And all of this so that one world power might gain some sort of strategic edge over the other. It is like an absurd auction between two rivals who refuse to be outbid by the other, each raising the stakes while the fate of the planet hangs in the balance.

But since our fate is largely determined by people like Ronald Reagan, a man who went from playing straight man to a chimp to becoming the leader of the most powerful nation in history, we might as well stop worrying and learn to love the bomb, since we have no control over it whatsoever.

There is something, though, over which we do exercise a little control. Not much, but enough perhaps to postpone our doom for several generations. And that would be a Bi-Lateral nuclear non-proliferation treaty that recognizes and adheres to a few rational principles.

Firstly, since there are more than enough explosives to murder the entire eco-system of the planet, the introduction of more sophisticated warheads and delivery systems does not enhance national security for either side, but rather tends to threaten it even more.

Secondly, such proliferation is thus a gross misallocation of the world's scarce, non-renewable natural resources.

And lastly, co-existance is an ultimatum because the only alternative would be mutual and global destruction.

President Reagan and his pundits must seriously reevaluate the ridiculous notion that the U.S. can negotiate "only from a position of strength," as if to imply that we are not already strong enough.

Star Wars, the cornerstone of Mr. Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, belongs in the realm of cartoon fiction and utterly exemplifies his unwillingness to explore more rational alternatives.

If Mr. Reagan were truly concerned about his faltering image as a world leader since the exposure of Contragate, he could well save face and maybe even the human race in the bargain were he to leave the American people and the world with a legacy of comprehensive arms control, rather than just pass the buck to the next administration.

For those who might argue that the achievement of a nuclear non-proliferation treaty is "not as simple as you think," I would point out to them that man seems to have a penchant for assigning increasing complexity to a very simple proposition: That life is good, that there is enough to go around for everyone, and that there is plenty of room for conflicting ideologies to allow for comprimise and non-aggressive co-existance.

And if that were not the truth, I would just as soon cash in my chips and ride the philistine-jingo bandwagon straight to Armageddon, well . . . first class, of course.

CSU: a cheaper alternative

By CISSY V. MILAUSKAS
Staff Writer

Do you have five thousand dollars lying around? No? That's what you can expect to pay to continue your education at a University of California.

Of course, a cheaper alternative is a California State University, which will cost you about two thousand dollars.

But, according to many, the UC system is far better than the Cal State system because the UC professors are doing research constantly, thereby allowing the students to learn up-to-the-minute facts and figures.

While this may seem to be an important fact, the real truth is that, "unlike UC, where the mandate to publish or perish is alive and well, teachers in the state system are there to teach," according to Edward B. Fiske, Education Editor for the New York Times.

Therefore, at UC, you may possibly be taught by a teacher's aide, while your real professor is out doing important research for the university.

At Cal State, you are actually taught by the professor whose name is on your registration slip. He or she is not so concerned with the fact that they might be fired because they have not been published. More importantly, their main concern is teaching you.

Cal State has a large variety of campuses (ten more than UC), and offers more than 1500 Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in more than 200 areas.

You can also have part-time status in their convenient afternoon and night classes, while UC requires that you be a full-time student for undergraduate work.

For many of us here at Los Angeles Valley College, being a part-time student is the only way we can continue and complete our education.

Although the money factor might be a student's biggest concern, the plain fact is that you can get a quality education at any of the Cal State Campuses.

"The education you can get at a state college is really quite good." said Ronald H. Bigelow, Associate Professor of Biology at LAVC. "At a state college, they're primarily interested with the bachelor's degree candidate, while at UC, they're more interested in the people who are going to get a Master's degree or a Doctorate."

He went on to say that his years at San Diego State were his favorite years in school.

In *The Insider's Guide to Colleges,* the Yale Daily News concluded that, "In today's world, where the cost of one year at a private institution is upwards of $16,000, the Cal State University is, in a word, cheap."

This important characteristic, combined with the number and variety of campuses, the emphasis on undergraduate teaching and the attraction of California, make Cal State well worth consideration.

One student here at Valley, who will begin UCLA this fall, said she chose UC over Cal State because, "the UC System is more prestigious and I think it will be more challenging. There are also more classes to choose from, and people come from all over the world to attend college at a UC Campus."

If you want to save a few dollars, have some teachers that care about you, and receive a truly worthwhile education, then California State University is the school for you.

Letter to the Star

Computer Center myths dispelled

Editor,

The purpose of this letter is to correct any wrong impressions readers may have created for themselves about the Computer Center at Los Angeles Valley College.

Yes, it is true that the Prime 750 computer system on campus went down several times last semester. However, the blame must not be placed on Tristan, although they are partially responsible.

The majority of the blame must be placed on the administration of the LACCD

In their own wisdom, they decided to terminate the maintenance agreement we had for four years with Prime, and placed the contract out to the lowest bidder.

The winning company was Tristan. After the contract was signed, it was then found out that Tristan had filed for bankruptcy.

The reason Tristan has filed for chapter 11 is because Prime has filed a multi-million dollar suit against them for patent infringement.

When the tape drive broke down, it took Tristan a month to repair it. Boards had to be sent to Denver, their main heardquarters, to be repaired. When the main CPU started having problems, it took over two weeks to be repaired.

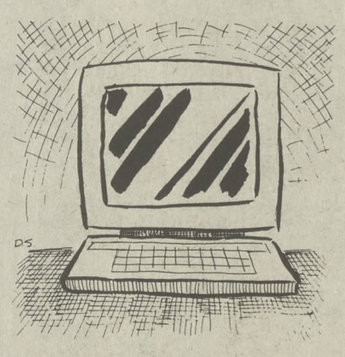
The small fixed disk that is used as our primary paging device broke down in early September. Tristan did not have the parts necessary to repair the drive because one of their field engineers quit and stole all the repair equipment for this particular type of CDC drive.

Also, because of the lack of research by the contract writers at the District, this disk drive was not on the maintence contract and therefore Tristran eventually refused to repair it.

To get the system running properly, CDC was called in at great expense to repair it. It was repaired in two days and the CDC FE said that the problems might have been caused by improper repair of the drive earlier by Tristan. You get what you pay for.

The students and faculty have complained to the administration at this campus many times about the poor service offered by Tristan.

But, notice of our displeasure never made it to Contracts Administration at the District. Since they "never heard any objections to the quality of services," the contract was automatically renewed with Tristan this year without going to open bidding.



By the way, all of the campuses with Primes has Tristan under maintenance agreement. Pierce is no exception, although Pat Davis, the lab manager, is extremely displeased with them also.

The Prime is currently having problems because of its age. It was installed here in the Spring of 1982. But, compared to other minicomputers it is holding up extremely well. Unfortunately, there is no money to purchase a new computer system to replace the Prime.

We have been making efforts to obtain an IBM 4381 MVS system so we could properly train students in the environment that the majority of large data processing departments use, but it's claimed to be too expensive, that insufficient funds exist and any one of various other excuses have been given.

It is not practical to replace the Prime with several microcomputers, as this will not teach the fundamentals of data processing on multi-user computers.

There is a perception among the general public that microcomputers are the neatest thing since sliced bread.

However, although they are proving to be a help in small applications, they are not the answer to all data processing problems; after all, you could not run the U.S. Federal Government payroll system on an Apple. We have a growing mircrocomputer program, but our main emphasis is still on " mainframe" data processing.

And next time the Prime goes down for an extended period of time, do not complain to the people behind the front counter; compalin to the administration at both LAVC and LACCD to get better mainenance.

Administration reponds quicker to student complaints than administrative complaints; after all, students provide income to the District and the employees are just overhead.

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Whoopi Goldberg as Bernie Rhodenbarr, a tough ex-con and ex-boxer tryin' to go straight.

Star lacks lustre

By CHRISTINE ZIAYA
Entertainment Editor

In her latest movie Whoopi Goldberg may be the "Burglar," but her co-star Bob Goldthwait definitely steals the show.

In what is described as a "comedy-mystery," Goldberg, as Bernie Rhodenbarr, nevers gets to shine like the gems she robs. Nor does the storyline hold together as a good mystery should. It looks like someone shot this plot and left it full of holes.

The movie "Burglar" opens with Goldberg in a cleaning lady disguise ready to commit a heist, this time in a posh San Francisco (?) suburb. And that's funny.

However, the film's characters then go on to verbally fill us in with entirely too much exposition. And that's boring and confusing.

Supposedly some crooked cop (G.W. Bailey) is ready to turn Rhodenbarr in for a crime she committed years ago, unless she pulls another job and gives him a payoff. Supposedly again, she's trying to reform, but well in this case, she has no choice and must return to her shady practice.

So she hooks up with a neurotic dentist (Lesley Ann Warren) and agrees to burglarize the doc's ex-husband's apartment. It sounds like an easy gig, but then while going about her business, Rhodenbarr witnesses a murder!

Naturally, on account of who she is, all fingers point in her direction and so she must set everyone straight and find the real killer.

Except for Goldthwait's performance, what humor there is in this film is brass and/or juvenile. There are lots of bungling cops and a long chase scene complete with subsequent car crashes. But it is all so predictable that when it happens the immediate reaction is one big yawn.

Were it not for Goldthwait's excellent portrayal of Carl Helfer, Rhodenbarr's pal, that yawn could develop into something more serious, like a snore.

But Goldthwait is right on the mark, as the occasionally incoherent, but genuinely concerned friend and neighbor. He has some hilarious dialogue, superb comedic timing and facial expressions that will keep you in stitches.

Perhaps Goldberg should have vied for his role.

As for the killer it could have been anyone, and when we discover "who dun it," it makes no sense. Don't bother asking yourself "why," it will still make no sense.

It took three writers to churn out this hogwash: Joseph Loeb III, Matthew Weisman and Hugh Wilson. Wilson, however, was also the director and he even had a bit part as a "customer at Mayday."

No doubt he bit off more than he could chew, which is unfortunate, because we're the ones who are stuck with digesting this junk.

Sleazy side of iron city portrayed

By ALLAN CAPLAN
Staff Writer

Received by an enthusiastic audience, "Airgood," a detective drama similar to the Philip Marlowe series, recently had its world premiere at the Night Flight Theatre in Burbank.

Along with its companion play "Partners," both one-acts were written by David Higgins, although he originally had no intention of combining the two. The connection here is the sleazy setting.

Set in Pittsburgh in 1947, "Airgood" is the story of a back-alley lawyer by the same name, who tries to get a rape accusation against his client quashed. As was done in the Philip Marlowe series, he tries every trick: plea bargaining, threats, even bribery.

"It wasn't rape," says Airgood. "It was an affair that continued for months...even if she was 13 years old, she knew what she was doing."

Todd Starks as Amos Airgood gives an exceptionally fine performance. He is supported by Fran Montago (Don Kralick), Alex Statler (George Galore), Minda Burr (Lucy DiStefano), and David T. Hayman (Tommy Felton).

In "Partners," also set in Pittsburgh, circa 1981, a futigive drug dealer meets with friends hoping to get out of town before he is murdered. Playwright Higgins describes it as "a typical druggie story," and considers it a realistic portrayal of the "drug situation."

Higgins was able to bring this realism to the stage by observing and then writing about the darker side of life during his early years in Pittsburgh. His credits include three one-act plays, two full-length plays and at least six screenplays. This despite the fact that he claims never to have taken a class in script or playwriting...it wasn't offered at his school.

Acclaim ought also to go to Scott Allan Campbell who plays Troy BaDeau in "Partners," along with Ben Daidone (Pete), Nathan LeGrand (Al) and Al Bloomfield (Manager).

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Rick Holden directed "Airgood," and "Partners" was directed by Robert Fiveson. Both were produced by Minda Burr and Scott Campbell under the head title "Iron City." Performers are all members of the Alliance Repertory Company.

Although at times the language in these plays was downright dirty, the audience didn't seem to mind...no one walked out during the performance in protest.

And judging by the applause, tickets will be at a premium. "Iron City" runs Thursdays-Sundays until April 26. For information and ticket reservations call (818) 845-4640.

JESUS CARLOS / Valley Star

Peter Clemente, classical guitarist and first prize winner in both the Ovation Classic Guitar Competition in 1981, and the Guitar Foundation of America's Solo Competition in 1986, performed Sunday night in Valley College's Music Recital Hall. The enthusiastic audience enjoyed selections by J.S. Bach and Mauro Giuliani, among others.

59th annual oscar winners predicted

By RYAN DORFF
Staff Writer

Although some may regard the Academy Awards ceremony as an exercise in self-indulgence and self-aggrandizement, it remains for many others a most looked-forward-to event, rivaled only by Christmas, Halloween and the NBA Playoffs.

The presentation of the Oscars (airing March 30 on ABC) has oft been ridiculed for its Dionysian excesses, and lambasted for the political and sentimental biases which sometimes accompany the Academy's choices.

Nevertheless, the Oscars represent the paragon of televised awards, and some people are more familiar with them than the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes.

So every year I handicap the Oscar nominees, just as I would horses, if I were to pick-six at the races.

Nominated for Best Picture this year are "Children of a Lesser God" (Paramount), "Hanna and Her Sisters" (Orion), "The Mission" (Warner Bros), " Platoon" (Orion), and "A Room With A View" (Cinecom).

The only picture which rivals "Platoon" for top honors is "Hanna." The Academy however, might be leery of honoring director Woody Allen since he failed to show up and accept his Oscar for "Annie Hall" in 1977. (He was playing clarinet in a Manhattan pub.) Besides, Allen is not likely to be seen anywhere in a tuxedo.

For Best Actor, forget Dexter Gordon (Round Midnight) and William Hurt (Children). Gordon is not even an actor, and Hurt won last year for "Kiss of the Spider Woman." This leaves Bob Hoskins (Mona Lisa), James Woods (Salvador) and Paul Newman (The Color of Money).

Both Hoskins and Woods were equally magnificent in their respective roles but sentiment seems to favor Newman, despite the fact that his film was all sheen and no substance. In the past he has been passed over too many times for worthy performances.

So my money is on Newman, although my heart of hearts rests with James Woods.

Vying for Best Actress are Jane Fonda (The Morning After), Marlee Matlin (Children), Sissy Spacek (Crimes of the Heart), Kathleen Turner (Peggy Sue Got Married), and Sigourney Weaver (Aliens). Although I think that Kathleen Turner deserves it hands down, Matlin will probably be the first Best Actress recipient in history to give her acceptance speech in sign language.

For Best Supporting Actor Dennis Hopper (Hoosiers) is a sure bet, especially after the resurgence of his popularity since his widely acclaimed role in "Blue Velvet" last year.

The Best Supporting Actress category is probably the toughest one to predict because the competition in this race is so swift. Wiest (Hanna) is so good however, that I've got to hand it to her.

For Best Director, I won't bother mentioning anyone else but Oliver Stone (Platoon). The most highly acclaimed box-office bonanza of 1986, Stone's film should clean up at this year's awards, perhaps in a larger way than most of us imagined.

As a footnote, it has been whispered that this Monday's ceremony will be the most streamlined production in the history of the awards. Well, we'll see.

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Valley topples SBVC

Alcantar, Rezo lead Monarchs past SCC leaders

By KATHY CROUCH
Gallery Editor

Going into Tuesdays's game against visiting Southern California Conference leader San Bernardino Valley College Tuesday, it appeared it would be another long afternoon for the Valley softball team, who was 1-5 in SCC play going into the contest.

But SBVC probably spent more time on the 210 Freeway than it did on the Monarchs' home field, as Valley beat them, 2-0, in just one hour and ten minutes.

Faith Rezo extended a 'mini' hitting streak to four games and drove in the winning run in the first inning as Valley improved to 2-5 in the SCC (3-12 overall).

Rezo, who had Valley's only hit the day before at Santa Monica College, reached base safely in the bottom of the first inning on an error by San Bernardino's first baseman, Nancy Arellano. Catcher Lisa McNeil scored on the play, having tripled to lead off the inning.

Third baseman Denise Seifried singled to move Rezo to second, and Krisi Davis hit into a fielder's choice to score Rezo for the insurance run.

Rezo also doubled in the sixth inning to extend the hitting streak.

The win may be the confidence builder that the team has been searching for. San Bernardino was 6-0 in SCC play going into Tuesday's game. Valley had lost previously to the team, 6-5, in extra innings.

The Monarchs are currently in the second round of SCC play, with eight games left to complete the conference schedule.

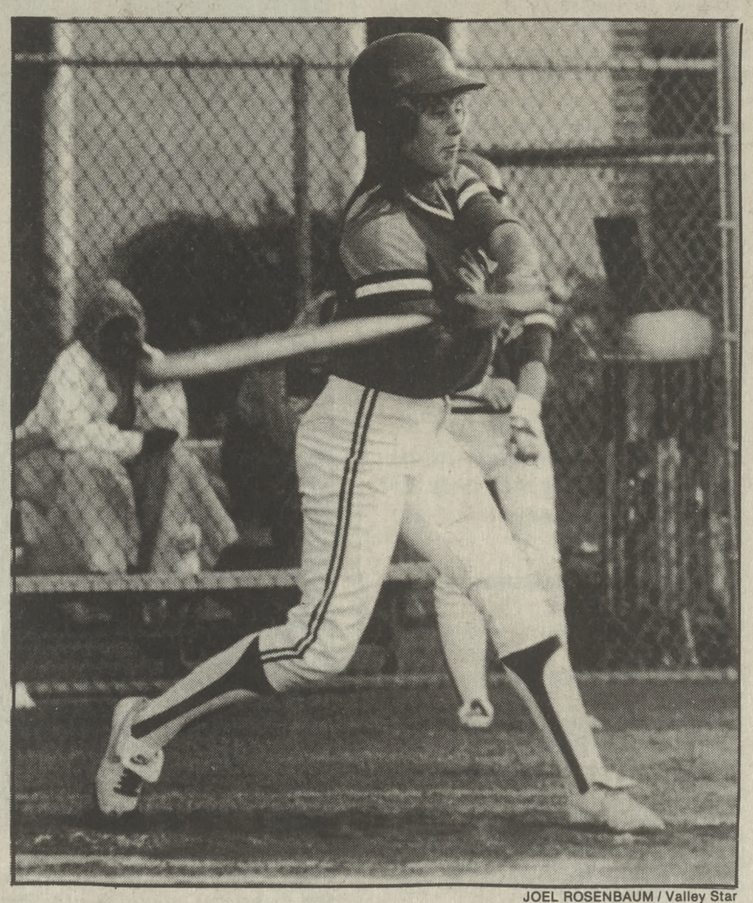
"After going through the first round and seeing all the different teams, I don't think that we're any worse than any other team," Head Coach Karen Honey said. "We've just been having problems scoring and hitting."

"We brought all the different parts of the game together today, and that's what it takes to win," Honey continued. "We held on (to the two run lead) with a good pitching performance and a good solid defensive performance."

Sandy Alcantar earned her first victory since returning from the disabled list with a hyperextended knee. The freshman pitched a complete game for the Monarchs, striking out three, walking one, and giving up four hits in six innings.

SBVC batters were kept off balance by Alcantar throughout the game, baffled by off-speed pitches and breaking balls.

"Sandy did a good job of making them (SBVC) put the ball on the ground," Honey said. "And with the defense to make the plays, that usually results in a win."



JOEL ROSENBAUM / Valley Star

Valley's Faith Rezo swings and connects against San Bernardino Valley College. The Monarchs won, 2-0.

In spite of two infield errors, Valley played a near flawless defensive game. Shortstop Irene Quintana played an excellent game, highlighted by a leaping catch in the sixth inning.

The non-conference decision was the third consecutive loss for the Monarchs, who had been struggling in Southern California Conference play. Valley's most recent victory had come against Victor Valley College on March 13, a 13-3 blowout at home.

Weak hitting has plagued the team throughout the season, as was evident in Monday's contest.

Faith Rezo, Valley outfielder/pitcher, singled in the first inning for the Monarchs' only hit of the game. Starting pitcher Sandy Alcantar and left fielder Kristi Davis were the only other Valley batters to reach base, drawing walks in separate innings.

The game was scoreless until the third inning when Alcantar gave up two walks and the Monarch infield allowed two batters to reach base on bunt singles. The Corsairs scored once, with Marie Christenson earning the RBI when she walked with the bases loaded, scoring pitcher Liz Zagala.

Santa Monica added two runs in the sixth inning to insure the victory. Penny Baizer drove in two runs with the bases loaded.

"We had fundamental problems defensively," Head Coach Karen Honey said after the game. "And offensively, we weren't as aggresive as we needed to be. That's what it is going to take for us to win ballgames. Hitting the ball."

Rezo, who prevented Zagala from throwing a no-hitter against the Monarchs, has been one of the few Valley players to reach base consistently in recent games.

"I didn't realize I had the only hit until the end of the game," she said. "But it feels good."

Alcantar pitched the entire game for the Monarchs, allowing three hits, eight walks, and striking out two.

"It really is not as devastating as it sounds," Honey said about the walks. "Only one of the eight (walks) scored. It was the three hits that really hurt her. Overall, Sandy pitched pretty well."

"If our team had produced offensively, we could have won that game," Honey added.

Monday's loss brought Valley to a 2-12 record overall, 1-5 in conference play.

Valley manages only one hit in loss to Corsairs

By KATHY CROUCH
Gallery Editor

The Valley softball team managed only one hit in a 3-0 loss to the Santa Monica College Corsairs, Monday, at Santa Monica College.

Guarrie breaks 100 mark

By JOHN BRENNAN
Staff Writer

The Valley College track team traveled to Chaffey College in Ontario last Friday to compete in the Southern California Conference all-comers track meet.

The individual winners for Valley in the men's events were Boris Guarrie, Ron Chamberlain, Jerrid Dorsey, Dennis O'Sullivan and Joe Marty.

Guarrie, a freshman, won the 100 meters with a school record breaking performance of 10.4. The old mark was 10.5 and was set by Frank Robinson in 1984.

Other participating schools were, Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Los Angeles Southwest College, College of the Desert, Chaffey College, Antelope Valley College and San Bernardino Valley College.

The meet was non-scoring and only counted as to how the participants performed.

Chamberlain won the 400 meter hurdles (62.0), Dorsey took the long jump (21-4), O'Sullivan triumphed at 400 meters (50.7) and Marty celebrated victory in the shot put (41-8).

In the women's events Sabrina Cochrane was a double winner. Cochrane won the 100 meters (13.1) and the 100 meter hurdles (16.1).

Another winner was Suzanne Lipton in the 3000 meters (11:50). The women's 400 meter relay team also won with a time of 50.4.

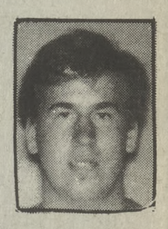
Others that performed well were Wendy Miller in the 800 meters, Sean Johnson in the 110 meter high hurdles, Mike Wells in the 1500 meters, Donald O'Neal in the long jump and Joe Clark in the 400 meters.

The meet lasted for about three hours. The spectator attendance was not all that impressive said Valley head track coach Bernie Christian.

Valley's next meet will be the Easter Relays, this Saturday at Santa Barbara College.

Sportsline by DANNY SCHUMACHER

Dodger blues



It's spring time again and the major league baseball season is right around the corner.

Once again I am wondering whether or not my favorite team, the Dodgers, can put it all together or just suffer another embarassing season as they did last year.

If the Dodgers spent as much time doing something to improve their ballclub as they do talking about it, then they might be a really good team.

Their number one priority this year has been to find a center fielder. But instead of obtaining quality players like Tim Raines, Brett Butler or Gary Redus, they just gripe about the players that are already on the team and about what the aforementioned players want to be paid.

After all, it was the Dodgers who dished out a couple million of dollars for two useless pitchers named Bob Goltz and Don Stanhouse. And didn't the Dodgers trade away Sid Fernandez for Bob Bailor and Carlos Diaz.

Actually, the Dodgers have shown interest in Redus, who is an outfielder for the Philadelphia Phillies. But they spend more time looking at him than they do in trying to obtain him.

The Dodgers are afraid that they will have to give up some of their top pitchers in order to gain Redus' services or the services of any top quality player.

One of the pitchers that many see as expendable is Alehandro Pena who is recovering from a shoulder injury. But the Dodgers do not see Pena as being expendable.

Instead of giving up players for other players, the Dodgers can pay Raines what he wants.

This would give young players like Jose Gonzalez and Chris Gwynn an opportunity to develop, rather than being forced to produce at an early age.

Not only would they have a potent offensive attack, they will also have quality depth.

A lineup of Steve Sax (2B), Raines (CF), Bill Madlock (3B), Pedro Guerrero (LF), Mike Marshall (RF), Franklin Stubbs (1B), Mike Sciosia (C) and Mariano Duncan (SS) should strike fear in most pitcher's hearts.

As reserves the Dodgers will be able to utilize Jeff Hamilton (3B), Brad Wellman (SS, 2B), Alex Trevino (C), Jack Perconte (2B), Reggie Williams (OF) and Ken Landreaux (OF). All of these players are of top quality and can produce.

The Dodgers still won't be confused defensively with the 1985 St. Louis Cardinals but who can have everything.

The quality starting pitching, that the Dodgers usually posses, combined with the power in the aforementioned lineup, will more than adequately make up for any defensive lapses.

Most of the defensive miscues that the Dodgers committed last year are typical of a team that struggles.

Calendar

(a) = away (h) = home	Thurs. Mar. 26	Fri. Mar. 27	Sat. Mar. 28	Sun. Mar. 29	Mon. Mar. 30	Tues. Mar. 31	Wed. April 1
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Softball		L.A. Harbor 3:00 (h)				Victor Valley 3:00(a)	Rio Hondo 3:00 (h)
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